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SUBJECT: CHOLERA AND DROUGHT CONDITIONS IN ERITREA

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1. COLONEL SVEN LAMPELL, REPRESENTATIVE IN ETHIOPIA OF LEAGUE OF RED CROSS SOCIETIES, FOUND ONLY ONE CASE OF CHOLERA DURING HIS RECENT SURVEY IN HABARU, 60 KILOMETERS NORTH OF AFABIT IN NORTHERN ERITREA. HOWEVER, HE DID REPORT SEVERE DROUGHT AND FAMINE IN THIS ELF-CONTROLLED AREA AMONG A SEMI-NOMADIC POPULATION ROUGHLY ESTIMATED AT 50,000. HE HAS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT CANADIAN RED CROSS SEND TEAM TO ERITREA NOT IN RELATION TO CHOLERA BUT TO PROVIDE GENERAL MEDICAL CARE COMBINED WITH FEEDING. LAMPELL HOPES THAT GRAIN SUPPLIES WOULD COME FROM IEG'S RELIEF COMMISSION, ALTHOUGH HE COMMENTED THAT COMMISSION HAS THUS FAR BEEN RELUCTANT TO RECOGNIZE DROUGHT NEEDS IN ERITREA. LAMPELL'S RECOMMENDATIONS BEING PASSED TO CANADIAN RED CROSS THROUGH CANADIAN EMBASSY HERE AND LEAGUE OF RED CROSS SOCIETIES IN GENEVA.

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2. LAMPELL INTENDS RETURN TO ASMARA ON JULY 22 AND SEND LETTER

TO ELF ASKING FOR SPECIFIC LOCATIONS OF ALLEGED EPIDEMIC AREAS.
HE DOES NOT EXPECT DISCOVER SPECTACULAR AMOUNT OF CHOLERA.

3. FOR ASMARA: WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON POSSIBILITY
THAT DROUGHT CONDITIONS IN ERITREA MAY BE FAR MORE EXTENSIVE
THAN IEG HAS BEEN WILLING TO ADMIT FOR FEAR THAT ERITREAN
INSURGENTS MIGHT RECEIVE RELIEF SUPPLIES AT EXPENSE OF LOYAL
ETHIOPIANS.

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